Southwest Memorial Hospital

A Modernization Project



Cortez, Colorado

Southwest Health Services approached the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Rural Development in 2002 with a proposal to accomplish a substantial modernization of the existing **Southwest Memorial Hospital** in Cortez, Colorado. Southwest Health Services, the operator of the facility, had identified numerous functional deficiencies in the existing design which warranted a large-scale rehabilitation and new construction effort.



2002 main lobby area

A development team was assembled in 2002 and 2003 which sought a permanent funding partner. The U.S. Department of Agriculture/Rural Development assisted the effort by providing long-term financial assistance under the Community Facilities loan and grant program, administered by the Rural Housing Service.

2002 main entrance



Construction efforts commenced in 2003 to modernize a substantial portion of the existing hospital building and surrounding site. Some major goals targeted where to improve building and campus access and circulation; relocate and amalgamate major functional areas; update medical equipment technologies; improve telecommunications capabilities; and provide a generally more customer-oriented complex.



2002 emergency room entrance

Development Team



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Project Description

- □ Construction period: late 2003 to late 2004
- Complete phased modernization, replacement, and addition projects affecting over half the overall existing facility's functional areas:
 - Receiving
 - Emergency room
 - Surgery suites
 - Radiology
 - Laboratories
 - Staff areas
 - Mechanical functions
 - Site
 - Vertical transport
 - Accessibility for persons with mobility impairments
 - Other functions
- All construction work was accomplished with the hospital in full normal operation
- □ USDA/Rural Development, Community Facilities Program, permanent mortgage financing



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Cortez, Colorado

A small, regional support city located in the "Four Corners" area at the extreme edge of southwestern Colorado. Cortez is considered the gateway to Mesa Verde National Park and features a strong association with the history of Native American culture as well as European American settlement in the region.



Construction Phase Gallery





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Initial Occupancy Phase Gallery





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